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⁴ For if God didn't spare the angels who sinned but cast them into hell^[a] and delivered them in chains^[b] of utter darkness to be kept for judgment; ⁵ and if he didn't spare the ancient world, but protected Noah, a preacher of righteousness, and seven others,^[c] when he brought the flood on the world of the ungodly; ⁶ and if he reduced the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah to ashes and condemned them to extinction,^[d] making them an example of what is coming to the ungodly; ⁷ and if he rescued righteous Lot, distressed by the depraved behavior of the immoral ⁸ (for as that righteous man lived among them day by day, his righteous soul was tormented by the lawless deeds he saw and heard)— ⁹ then the Lord knows how to rescue the godly from trials and to keep the unrighteous under punishment for the day of judgment, ¹⁰ especially those who follow the polluting desires of the flesh and despise authority.

Bold, arrogant people! They are not afraid to slander the glorious ones

I. False teachers will be punished

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A. God is truth.

1. We are to never change truth

Reve 22:19 And if anyone takes away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God will take away his share of the tree of life and the holy city, which are written about in this book.

2. Teachers/Preachers are especially held to a higher standard.

II Cor 4:2 Instead, we have renounced secret and shameful things, not acting deceitfully or distorting the word of God, but commending ourselves before God to everyone's conscience by an open display of the truth.

II Tim 2:15 Be diligent to present yourself to God as one approved, a worker who doesn't need to be ashamed, correctly teaching the word of truth.

B. There are 3 examples of when God executes punishments

1. Fallen angels

⁴ For if God didn't spare the angels who sinned but cast them into hell^[a] and delivered them in chains^[b] of utter darkness to be kept for judgment;

--2 types of fallen angels exists.

The ones in prison

Jude 6-7 and the angels who did not keep their own position but abandoned their proper dwelling, he has kept in eternal chains in deep darkness for the judgment on the great day. ⁷ Likewise, Sodom and Gomorrah and the surrounding towns committed sexual immorality and perversions,^[a] and serve as an example by undergoing the punishment of eternal fire.

Gen 6:1-4 When mankind began to multiply on the earth and daughters were born to them, ² the sons of God saw that the daughters of mankind were beautiful, and they took any they chose as wives for themselves. ³ And the LORD said, "My Spirit will not remain^[a] with^[b] mankind forever, because they are corrupt.^[c] Their days will be 120 years." ⁴ The Nephilim^[d] were on the earth both in those days and afterward, when the sons of God came to the daughters of mankind, who bore children to them. They were the powerful men of old, the famous men.

The ones free to roam the earth

Eph 6:12 For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers of this darkness, against evil, spiritual forces in the heavens.

2. The flood

⁵ and if he didn't spare the ancient world, but protected Noah, a preacher of righteousness, and seven others,^[a] when he brought the flood on the world of the ungodly; --God recalled a defective product

--Gen 6:8-13 These are the family records of Noah. Noah was a righteous man, blameless among his contemporaries; Noah walked with God. ¹⁰ And Noah fathered three sons: Shem, Ham, and Japheth.

¹¹ Now the earth was corrupt in God's sight, and the earth was filled with wickedness.^[a] ¹² God saw how corrupt the earth was, for every creature had corrupted its way on the earth. ¹³ Then God said to Noah, "I have decided to put an end to every creature, for the earth is filled with wickedness because of them; therefore I am going to destroy them along with the earth.

3. Sodom and Gomorrah

⁶ and if he reduced the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah to ashes and condemned them to extinction,^[a] making them an example of what is coming to the ungodly;

II. True believers will be rescued.

A. True believers should rest in confidence that God will take care of them!

B. 3 Examples of God's rescue and care

1. Noah

⁵ and if he didn't spare the ancient world, but protected Noah, a preacher of righteousness, and seven others,^[a] when he brought the flood on the world of the ungodly; --He certainly was not perfect

2. Lot

⁷ and if he rescued righteous Lot, distressed by the depraved behavior of the immoral ⁸ (for as that righteous man lived among them day by day, his righteous soul was tormented by the lawless deeds he saw and heard)—

3. True believers

⁹ then the Lord knows how to rescue the godly from trials and to keep the unrighteous under punishment for the day of judgment, ¹⁰ especially those who follow the polluting desires of the flesh and despise authority.

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--Peter himself

Matthew 14:30-31 But when he saw the strength of the wind,^[a] he was afraid, and beginning to sink he cried out, "Lord, save me!"

³¹ Immediately Jesus reached out his hand, caught hold of him, and said to him, "You of little faith, why did you doubt?"

Acts 12:7 Suddenly an angel of the Lord appeared, and a light shone in the cell. Striking Peter on the side, he woke him up and said, "Quick, get up!" And the chains fell off his wrists.

--Us

Salvation

Luke 19:10 For the Son of Man has come to seek and to save the lost."

John 3:16 For God loved the world in this way:^[a] He gave^[b] his one and only Son, so that everyone who believes in him will not perish but have eternal life.

Romans 3:23 For all have sinned and fall short of the^[a] glory of God;

I John 1:9 If we confess our sins, he is faithful and righteous to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Fear of death

Hebrews 2:14-15 Now since the children have flesh and blood in common, Jesus also shared in these, so that through his death he might destroy the one holding the power of death—that is, the devil—¹⁵ and free those who were held in slavery all their lives by the fear of death.